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**Subject:** TX0074012 and TX0092827

Ms. Okpala,

The NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has received letters dated October 25, 2019, transmitting the draft NPDES permits for TX0074012 and TX0092827. We have reviewed EPA's EFH determination of no adverse effects from the discharge of water through brine diffusers in the Gulf of Mexico by the U.S. DOE SPR Bryan Mound Oil Storage and Big Hill Oil Storage projects. The NMFS concurs with EPA's assessment and no further EFH consultation under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act is required.

Sincerely,

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